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25X1 1. In general: The aforementioned reports were supplied [] and primarily contain information on the following areas:

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- a. SZOMBATHELY-KOERMEND.
- b. Northwestern border area of Hungary.
- c. VARPALOTA-HAYMASKER.
- d. Area south and southwest of the Lake Balaton.

2. a. Although the reports do not state the strength of units and do not contain information leading to the identification of units, it can be stated, also on the basis of previous information, that the Soviet occupation forces in Hungary are not likely to have been essentially reinforced up to early July 1949.

b. It is still assumed that only the 17th Gds Msz Div and some GHQ units of the Central Group of Forces are located in Hungary, primarily in military posts near the western border of Hungary.

c. Only installations of the Soviet rear services are located in inner Hungary.

d. Soviet troops have only an insignificant share in the execution of border control. The Soviet troops in the Hungarian-Yugoslav border area were not observed to have been reinforced.

3. Exercises: The majority of Soviet troops from military posts in western Hungary have been practicing in the VARPALOTA-HAYMASKER area (north of Lake Balaton) since mid-March 1949. (Until the end of 1949, according to other reports.)

4. Exchange of Soviet personnel (Austria): Two fugitive [] supplied information on military transportation operations to and from Austria. This information confirmed that the Soviet occupation forces in Austria received recruits and simultaneously discharged troops of older classes to the Soviet Union in April and May 1949.

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